

HOUSE BILL 203

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69,  
Chapter 9 and Title 70, relative to noise levels.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 9, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The commission is authorized to promulgate rules to establish quiet zones from nine o'clock p.m. (9:00 p.m.) until nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 a.m.) on waters of Tennessee within which a person shall not operate any audio emitting device, other than a device used to signal an emergency, from on or within any vessel, including a nonmotorized vessel, as defined in § 69-9-227, that is in the water, at a volume level that can be heard within one (1) or more residential structures located on land adjacent to the water. The commission may consider the availability of resources when deciding whether to establish a quiet zone.

(b) The agency is authorized to enforce any rule promulgated pursuant to subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.